Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Ypsilanti, MI

March 16, 2025 – 2nd Sunday in Lent

Worship Key
P: Pastor
A: Assisting Ministers
C: Congregation

PRELUDE *"Thou Hidden Source of Calm Repose"*
Emmanuel Handbell Choir by Larry Sue

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Psalm 27:1, 13-14)*

P: The LORD is my light and my salvation;
C: Whom shall I fear?
P: The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
C: of whom shall I be afraid?
P: I believe I shall see the goodness of the LORD
C: In the land of the living.
P: Wait for the LORD;
C: Be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
C: Amen.

P: Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

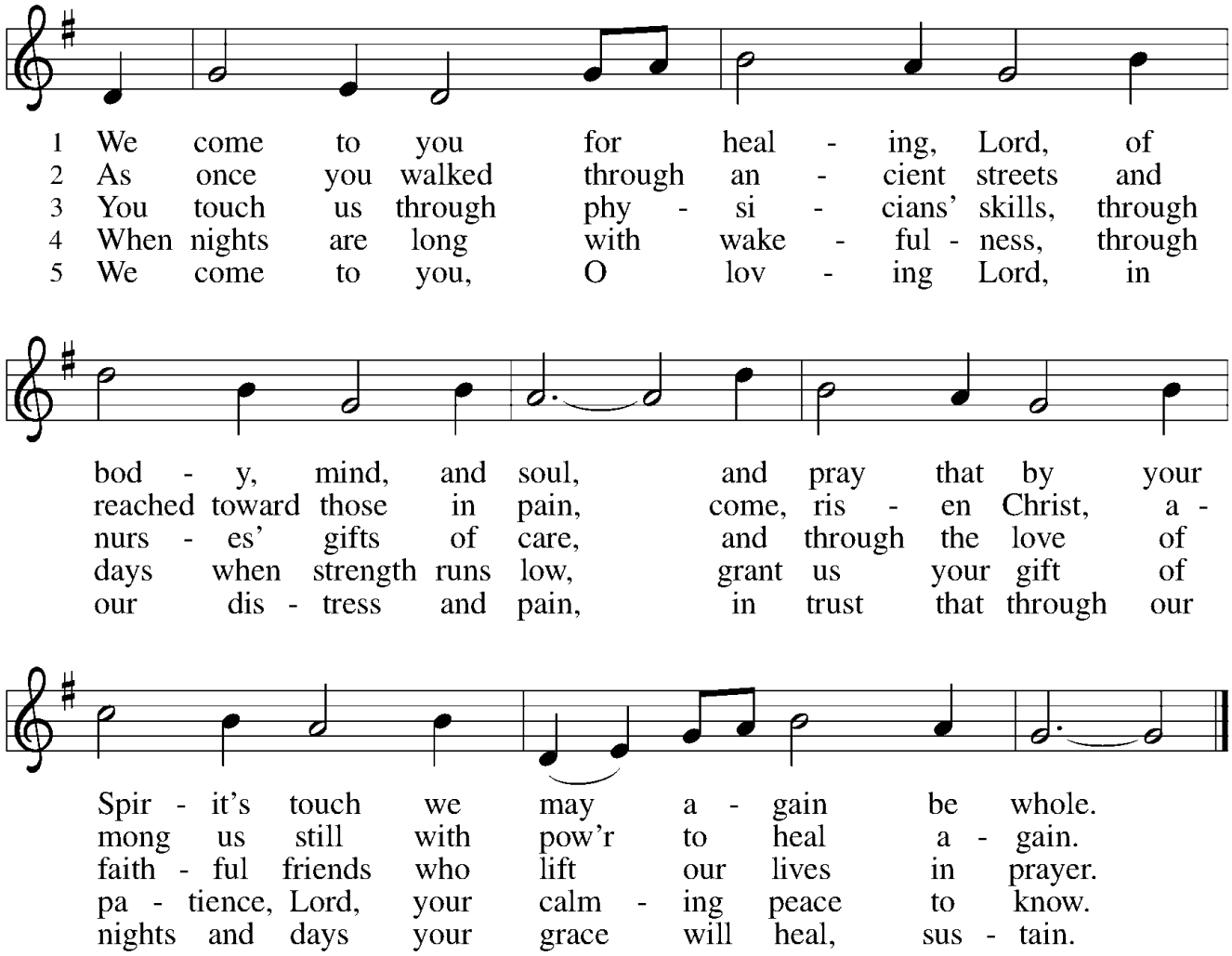
P: Compassionate One,
C: you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,
but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world.
We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us.
We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again.
We squander the abundant gifts of the earth.
Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.

P: Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In ☩ Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever.

C: Amen

GATHERING HYMN — ELW 617

"We Come to You for Healing, Lord"


1 We come to you for heal - ing, Lord, of bod - y, mind, and soul, and pray that by your Spir - it's touch we may a - gain be whole.
2 As once you walked through an - cient streets and reached toward those in pain, come, ris - en Christ, a - mong us still with pow'r to heal a - gain.
3 You touch us through phy - si - cians' skills, through nurs - es' gifts of care, and through the love of faith - ful friends who lift our lives in prayer.
4 When nights are long with wake - ful - ness, through days when strength runs low, grant us your gift of pa - tience, Lord, your calm - ing peace to know.
5 We come to you, O lov - ing Lord, in our dis - tress and pain, in trust that through our nights and days your grace will heal, sus - tain.

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GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

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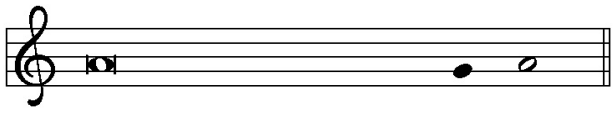
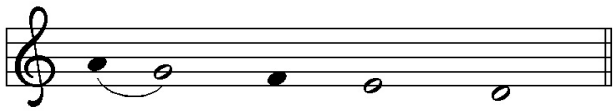


In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



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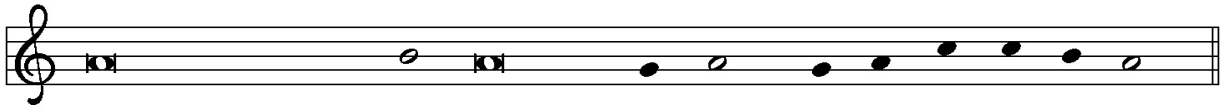
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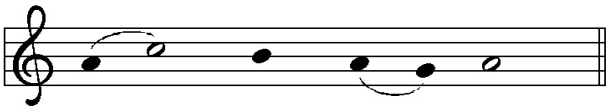
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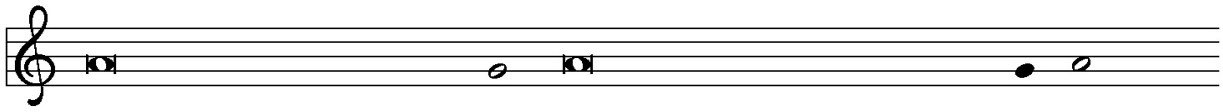
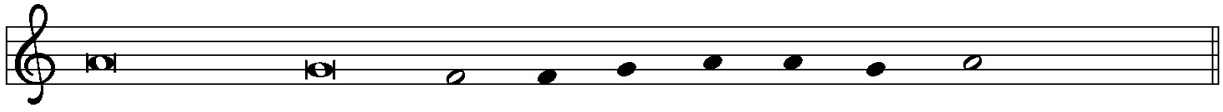
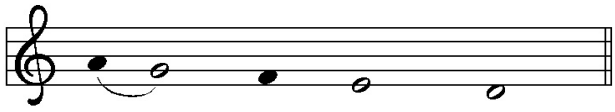

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

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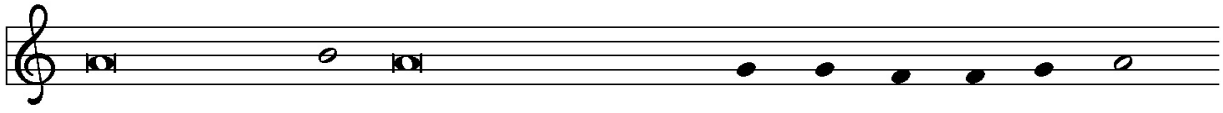
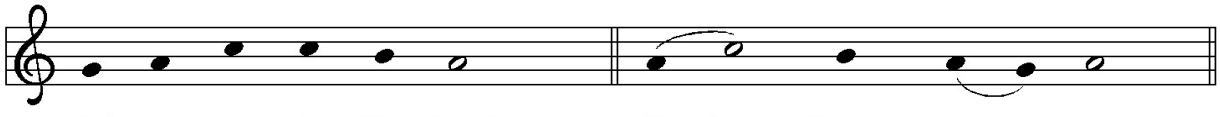
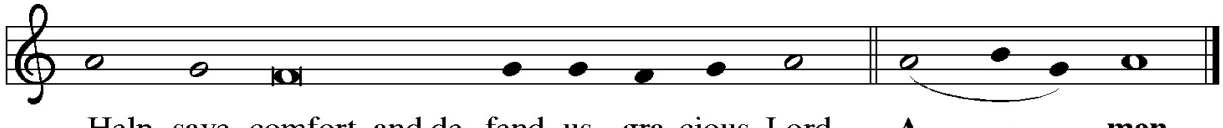


For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mer - cy.**

Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. **A - men.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

C: God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

God promises a childless and doubting Abram that he will have a child, that his descendants will be as numerous as the stars, and that the land of Canaan will be their inheritance. Abram's trust in God is sealed with a covenant-making ceremony, a sign of God's promise.

A: A reading from Genesis.

1 After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be
afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." 2 But Abram said,
"O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my
house is Eliezer of Damascus?" 3 And Abram said, "You have given me no
offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." 4 But the word of
the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very
own issue shall be your heir." 5 He brought him outside and said, "Look toward
heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him,
"So shall your descendants be." 6 And he believed the LORD, and
the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

7 Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the
Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." 8 But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I
to know that I shall possess it?" 9 He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old,
a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young
pigeon." 10 He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over
against the other, but he did not cut the birds in two. 11 And when birds of prey
came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

12 As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and

terrifying darkness descended upon him.
17 When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a
flaming torch passed between these pieces. 18 On that day the LORD made a
covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river
of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates."

A: Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 27

In the day of trouble, God will give me shelter. (Ps. 27:5)

P: 1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
C: 2 When evildoers close in against me to devour my flesh,
they, my foes and my enemies, will stumble and fall.
P: 3 Though an army encamp against me, my heart will not fear.
Though war rise up against me, my trust will not be shaken.
C: 4 One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek;
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.
P: 5 For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter,
hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary,
and raise me high upon a rock.
C: 6 Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me.
Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing;
I will sing and make music to the LORD.
P: 7 Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call;
have mercy on me and answer me.
C: 8 My heart speaks your message— "Seek my face."
Your face, O LORD, I will seek.
P: 9 Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger.
Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not,
O God of my salvation.
C: 10 Though my father and my mother forsake me, the LORD will take me in.
P: 11 Teach me your way, O LORD;
lead me on a level path, because of my oppressors.

C: [12] **Subject me not to the will of my foes,**
for they rise up against me, false witnesses breathing violence.
P: [13] This I believe—that I will see the goodness of the LORD
in the land of the living!
C: [14] **Wait for the LORD and be strong. Take heart and wait for the LORD!**

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:17—4:1

Although Paul's devotion to Christ has caused him to be persecuted, he does not regret the course he has taken. Writing from prison, he expresses confidence in a glorious future and encourages other Christians to follow in his footsteps.

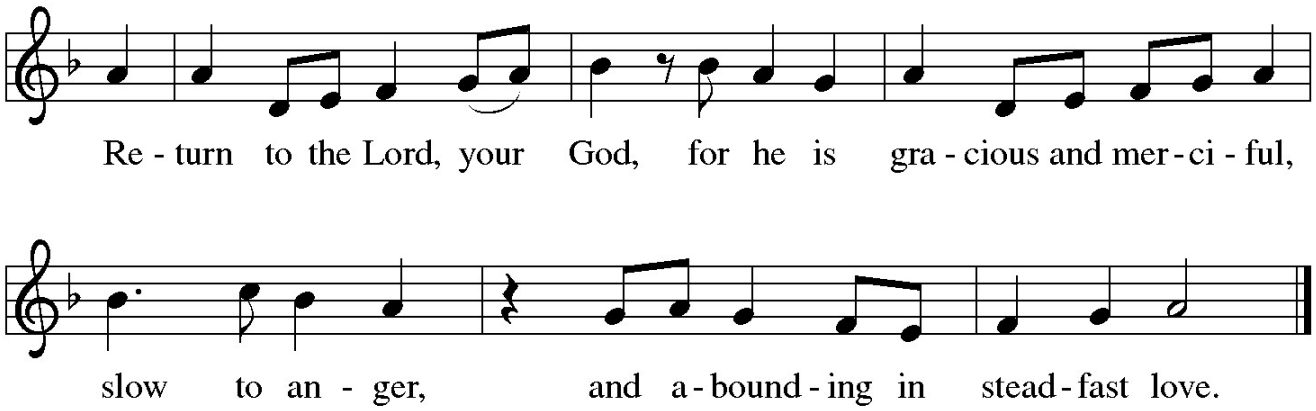
A: A reading from Philippians.

[17] Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. [18] For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. [19] Their end is destruction, their god is the belly, and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. [20] But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. [21] He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. [4:1] Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

A: Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.



GOSPEL: Luke 13:31-35

Neither Herod's plotting nor Jerusalem's resistance to maternal love will deter Jesus from his sacrificial mission.

P: The Gospel according to Luke.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

31 At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus], "Get away from here,
for Herod wants to kill you." 32 He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me,
'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and
on the third day I finish my work. 33 Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must
be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of
Jerusalem.' 34 Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those
who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a
hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! 35 See, your
house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when
you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.' "

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S TIME — Rev. Joshua Rinas

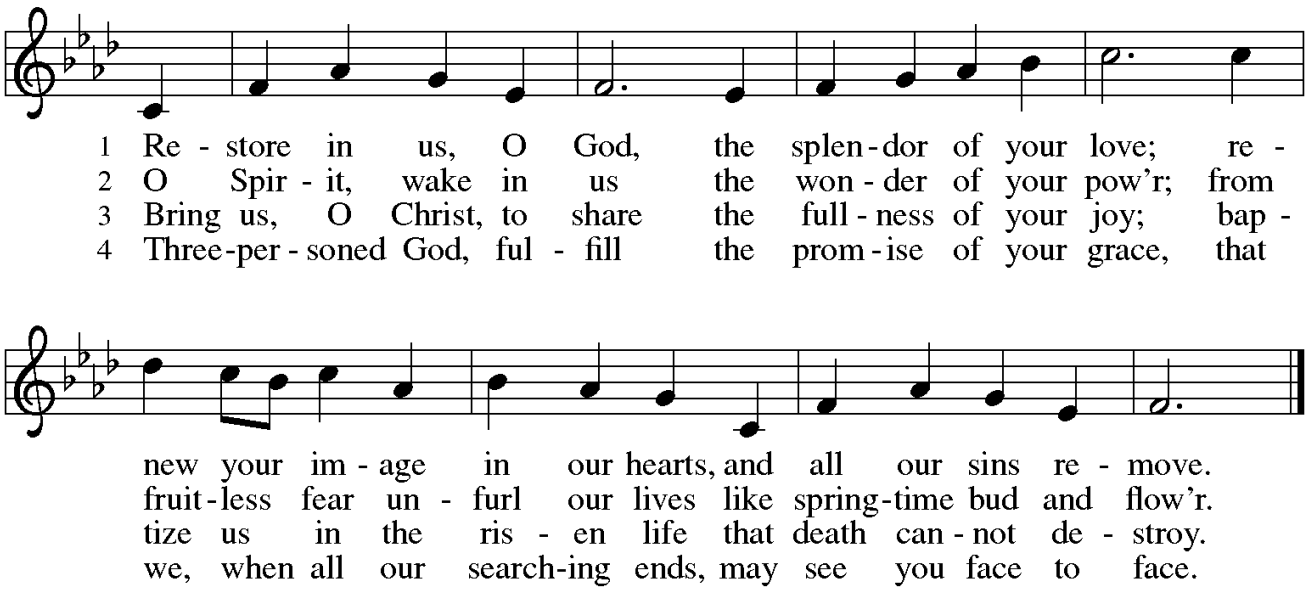
A special message for children.

SERMON — Rev. Joshua Rinas

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 328

"Restore in Us, O God"


1 Re - store in us, O God, the splen - dor of your love; re -
2 O Spir - it, wake in us the won - der of your pow'r; from
3 Bring us, O Christ, to share the full - ness of your joy; bap -
4 Three-per - soned God, ful - fill the prom - ise of your grace, that
new your im - age in our hearts, and all our sins re - move.
fruit-less fear un - furl our lives like spring-time bud and flow'r.
tize us in the ris - en life that death can - not de - stroy.
we, when all our search-ing ends, may see you face to face.

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Music: BAYLOR, Hal H. Hopson, b. 1933
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APOSTLES' CREED

A: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostle's Creed.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

A: Holy God, you long to gather your church under your wings. Bless the churches of Jerusalem, and all persecuted churches, that your people may take heart and stand firm as they witness and minister in your name. God, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Holy God, you give shelter to living things as numerous as the stars. Strengthen the voice of prophets who call humanity to faithful care for the planet, that they would not be silenced but heeded as your messengers. God, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Holy God, you raised up leaders like Abram, Sarai, and Paul to show your people what it means to rely on your promises. Guide today's leaders to work for justice and safeguard the world for future generations. God, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Holy God, you are the stronghold of our life. Care tenderly for those who are ill in body or mind, and for people living in fear or need especially John, Mary, Vicki, Corky, Lynn, Ruth, Judy, Eric, Mary Beth, Steve, Marilynn, and Linda. May all know they are not alone. God, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Holy God, you offer us citizenship in heaven. Unite communities of faith who are divided over earthly things, that following the way of your Son, they may set aside grudges and serve their neighbors with generosity and love. God, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

A: For what else does this congregation pray? Prayers may be said aloud, typed into the live chat box, or silently in your hearts…

Brief Pause for the congregation to respond.

A: Holy God, you are our light and our salvation. We give thanks for the saints who have gone before us. Help us to trust in you as they did and to live according to their example. God, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

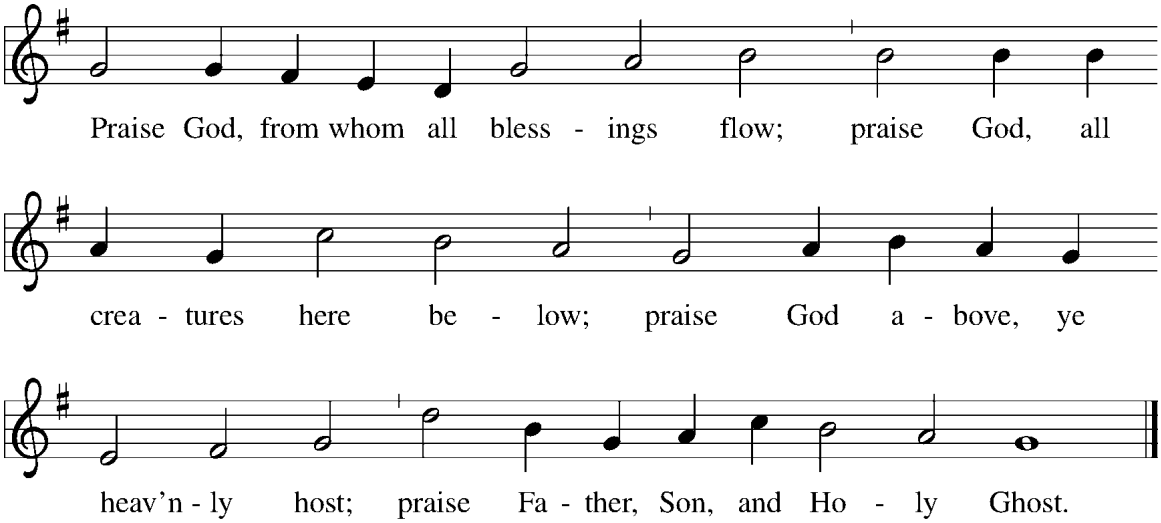
C: And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN – *"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"*


Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

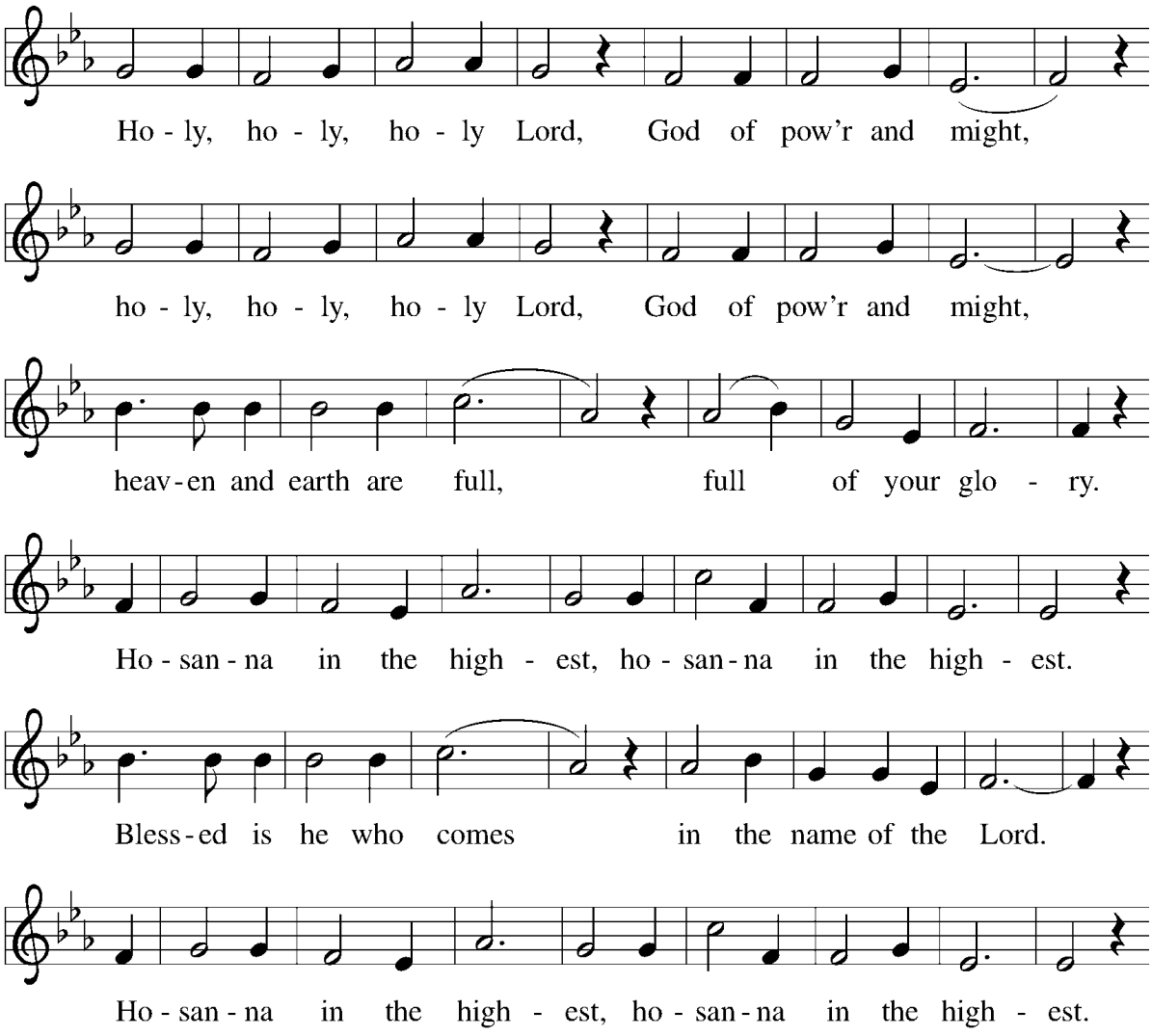
Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.
P: Lift up your hearts.
C: We lift them to the Lord.
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav - en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

The presiding minister may introduce the Lord's Prayer.

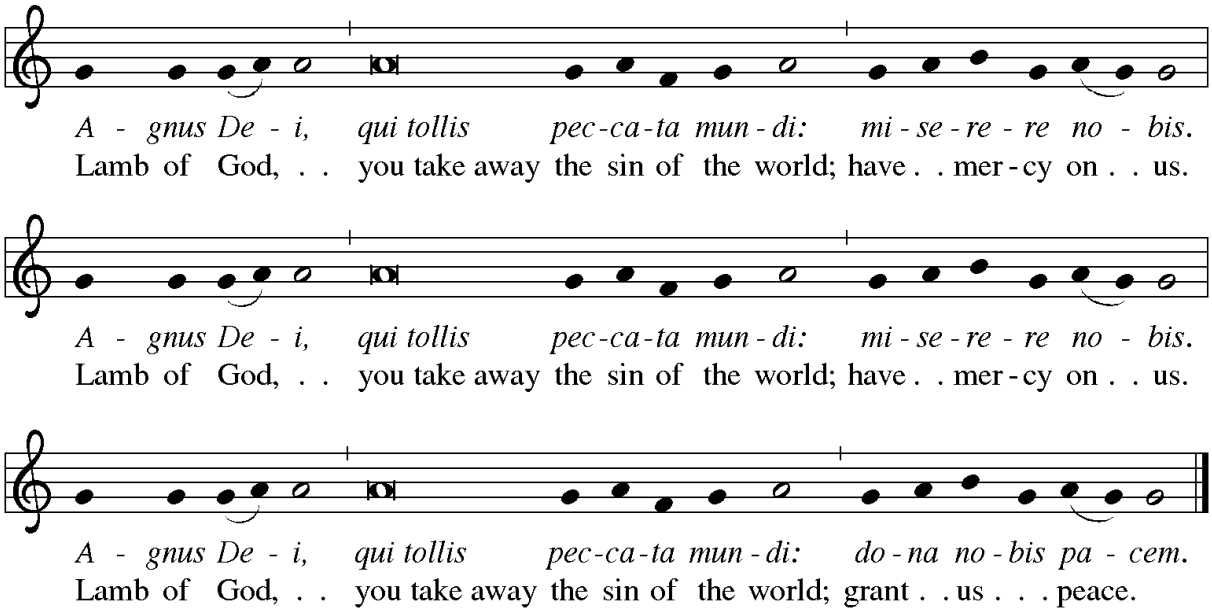
P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.

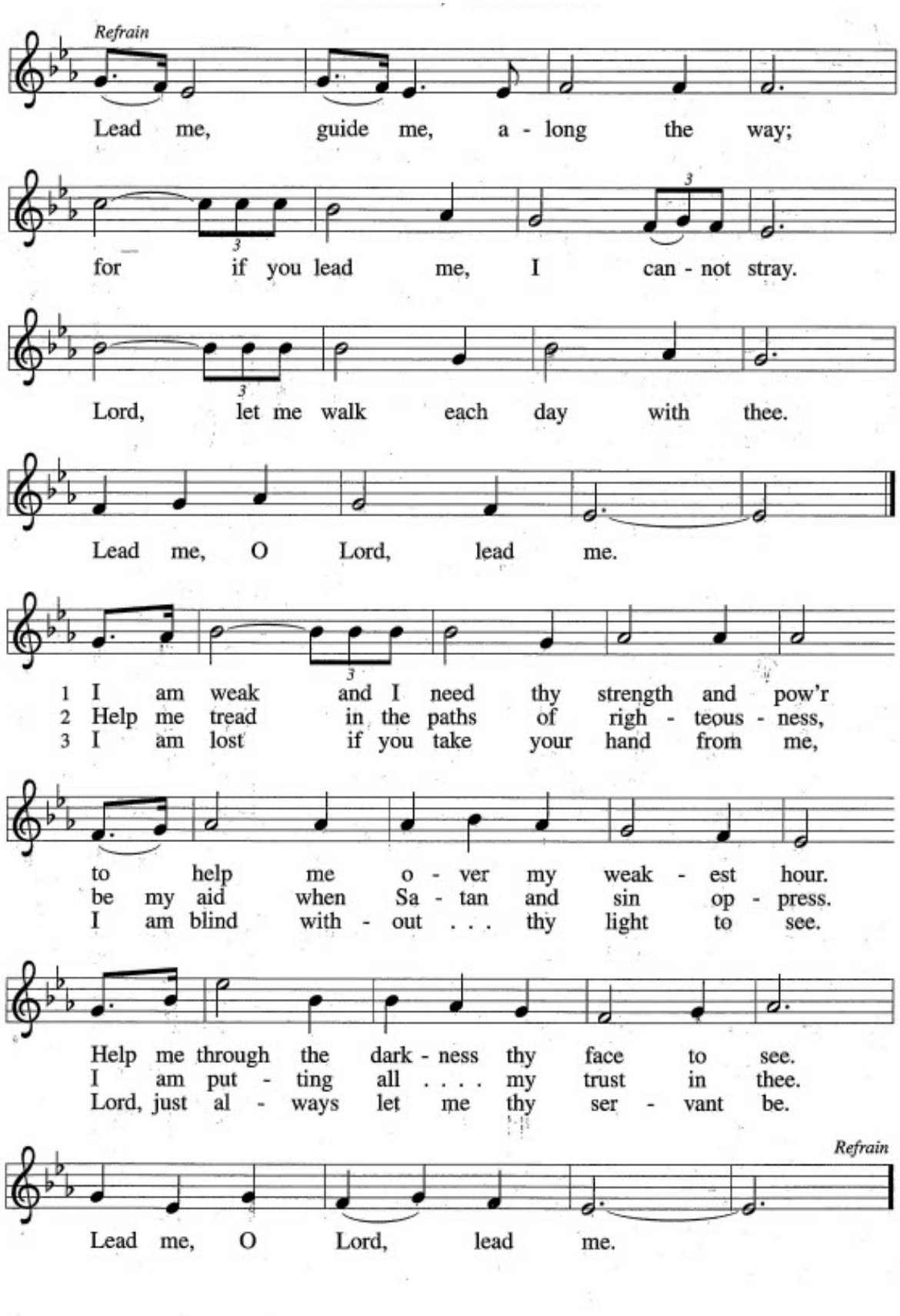
LAMB OF GOD


A - gnus De - i, qui tollis pec-ca-ta mun-di: mi-se-re-re no - bis.
Lamb of God, . . you take away the sin of the world; have . . mer-cy on . . us.
A - gnus De - i, qui tollis pec-ca-ta mun-di: mi-se-re-re no - bis.
Lamb of God, . . you take away the sin of the world; have . . mer-cy on . . us.
A - gnus De - i, qui tollis pec-ca-ta mun-di: do-na no-bis pa - cem.
Lamb of God, . . you take away the sin of the world; grant . . us . . . peace.

Music: Plainsong, Mass XVIII

COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN *"Lead Me, Guide Me"* **ELW 768**

Led by the Emmanuel Chancel Choir (Please join in singing)

Refrain
Lead me, guide me, a - long the way;
for if you lead me, I can - not stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.
1 I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r
2 Help me tread in the paths of righ - teous - ness,
3 I am lost if you take your hand from me,
to help me o - ver my weak - est hour.
be my aid when Sa - tan and sin op - press.
I am blind with - out . . . thy light to see.
Help me through the dark - ness thy face to see.
I am put - ting all . . . . my trust in thee.
Lord, just al - ways let me thy ser - vant be.
Refrain
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Text: Doris Akers, 1922–1995
Music: Doris Akers

LEAD ME, GUIDE ME
Irregular

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in eternal life.
C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray.
C: Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

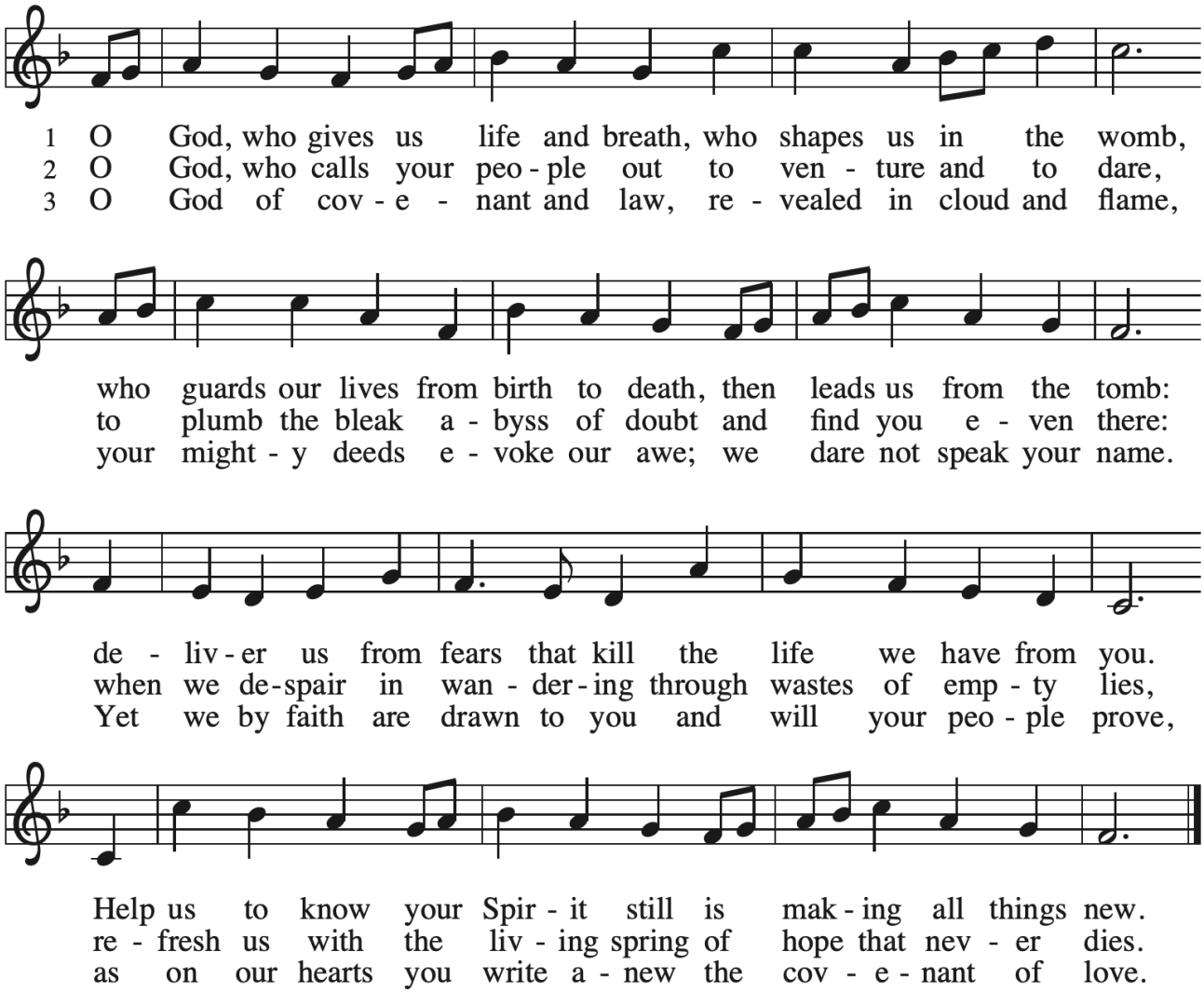
SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

P: God our tender parent,
God the crucified one,
God the reconciling Spirit,
✢ bless you now and forever.
C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN ACS 1086

"O God, Who Gives Us Life"

1 O God, who gives us life and breath, who shapes us in the womb,
who guards our lives from birth to death, then leads us from the tomb:
de - liv - er us from fears that kill the life we have from you.
Help us to know your Spir - it still is mak - ing all things new.
2 O God, who calls your peo - ple out to ven - ture and to dare,
to plumb the bleak a - byss of doubt and find you e - ven there:
when we de - spair in wan - der - ing through wastes of emp - ty lies,
re - fresh us with the liv - ing spring of hope that nev - er dies.
3 O God of cov - e - nant and law, re - vealed in cloud and flame,
your might - y deeds e - voke our awe; we dare not speak your name.
Yet we by faith are drawn to you and will your peo - ple prove,
as on our hearts you write a - new the cov - e - nant of love.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944
Music: NOEL, English melody; arr. Arthur S. Sullivan, 1842–1900
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DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.
C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome! If this is your first time with us, please add your name and information to our Guest book located in the Narthex (Lobby), we would love to connect with you.
*Hearing assistance devices and cushions are available in the back pew. Please help yourself!
*Children's bulletins available, please see an usher.
*Printed copies of the Newsletter are in the magazine holder in the Narthex.
**Christ in Our Home* devotionals (January - March) can be found in the Narthex.
*Hand Sanitizers can be found in the Narthex and hanging at the end of the pews.

Please remember to wear your Name Tag
It's a help for visitors and folks you may not have seen for a while. If you need a new Name tag, please let Jennifer know.

Wednesday Lenten Supper and Service
We will have Wednesday dinners (3/12, 3/19, 3/26, 4/2, 4/9) followed by Holden Evening Prayer. The dinners will start at 6:00pm and Holden Evening Prayer will start at 7pm. There is a sign-up sheet outside the office for the Lenten suppers. (There is an opening for a group to fill for 4/2).

2025 Easter Lily Orders
It is that time of year once again! Easter Lily order forms can be found in the Narthex. Lilies are $9.50. You can place your order form and payment in the offering, the office mailbox, or mail it to the church. The deadline for orders is March 23rd. Thank you!

Lenten Devotionals
There are Lenten devotionals located in the Narthex by the table, please take one!

The Stations of the Cross
You're welcome to journey through the stations of the cross over this Lenten season. Starting in the Narthex and continuing into the Sanctuary on the left side, the fourteen stations travel with Jesus through the passion story. Informational pamphlets are located on the table in the narthex.

2025 Altar Flower Sign-up
The 2025 Altar flower sign-up has been put up on the bulletin board outside the office. Please sign-up for your date and turn in the form and monies in the offering plate or office mailbox. Thank you!

Holy Week Services
Join us for Holy Week Services:
Maundy Thursday (4/17) this will be a combined service with St. Luke's Episcopal, First Presbyterian, United Methodist, and Emmanuel Lutheran. It will begin with an Agape Meal at 6:00pm at St. Luke's Episcopal with a service to follow at 7:00pm

Good Friday (4/18) St. Luke's Episcopal will join us for a 7:00pm service, here at Emmanuel.

Easter Vigil (4/19) St. Luke's Episcopal will join us for a 7:00pm service, here at Emmanuel.

Easter Sunday (4/20) 10:00am service, here at Emmanuel.

Giving Tree
The Giving Tree is making an earlier appearance in 2025 as the Clothes Closet begins a focus on individuals/groups within Emmanuel that need our assistance. Paul, Emmanuel's custodian will again be making a mission trip in June to the Dominican Republic. Paul has traveled many times with Hope International Ministries and says there are around 250 people traveling to the Dominican Republic this summer.

The Clothes Closet Giving Tree will be up in February and March to accept all donations of toothbrushes and toothpaste (any brand or size). Ask your dentist's office if they are willing to donate any toothbrushes or toothpaste! Please bring your donation in before March 30 and help decorate the Giving Tree!

A reminder from the Membership committee
We have replenished the supply of Blessing Bags with items to help our friends in need during this winter cold, hats, gloves, hand warmers, personal items, and snacks.
Please take a moment and pick up a bag or two (men's are blue, women's are red) from outside the office, and pass them along to someone less fortunate than we are. Be a blessing to someone in need. Thank you.

Ways to Give: Giving can be done online by clicking here. Or mail checks to: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 201 N. River St., Ypsilanti, MI 48198.
Paypal: Select payment type "Friends and Family" using emmanuelypsi@gmail.com. Please indicate account (general fund, flowers, memorials, etc.) where it says add message.
Mobile App: Download the Vanco Payments Mobile app for free from Google Play. In the app, select your fund and amount, enter a payment method and complete the donation.

The flowers on the altar today are given to the Glory of God and in honor of the Zachrich family birthdays.
Given by Jake Zachrich

For those with young children: Emmanuel's "Pray-Ground," located at the front of the church, was established as a positive, welcoming experience for children in church. Many churches have begun using this feature, which gives small children a space to squirm, quietly play with soft toys, books, and do arts and crafts. Parents may want to sit nearby to accompany children, but don't worry about noise—worship leaders have microphones! We encourage everyone with little ones to give this a try.

Prayers requested for: John, Mary, Vicki, Corky, Lynn, Ruth, Judy, Eric, Mary Beth, Steve, Marilynn, and Linda.

Assisting Ministers Needed!
Sign up on the sheet outside the office or call the office; Or through sign-up genius. Assisting Ministers - Click here or Scan QR code

Links:
Livestream Worship - https://www.youtube.com/@emmanuelypsi
Giving Online - Online donation
Clothes Closet - ClothesCloset@emmanuelypsi.org
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